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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF CHASE MANHATTAN OFFICERS ROOSEVELT AND
BURNETT

REF: STATE 18272 (REPEATED TO BEIRUT)

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1. IN CONNECTION WITH MIDDLE EAST TRAVEL OF CHASE
MANHATTAN CHAIRMAN DAVID ROCKEFELLER FEBRUARY 20-MARCH 5,
MIDDLE EAST/AFRICA INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS DIRECTOR ARCHIBALD
ROOSEVELT AND GRIFFIN BURNETT, VICE PRESIDENT IN CHARGE
OF MIDDLE EAST/AFRICA BRANCHES, WILL BE IN AREA AND PLAN
TO VISIT BEIRUT MARCH 1-2.

2. ROOSEVELT AND BURNETT WILL BE CONSULTING WITH CHASE'S
BEIRUT MANAGER CHRISOPHER MATLON ON REOPENING OF BRANCH AND
HOPE TO MEET WITH AMBASSADOR (A PERSONAL FRIEND OF
ROOSEVELT) OR CHARGE AND ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL STAFF TO
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DISCUSS LOCAL SITUATION.

3. DEPENDING ON DEVELOPMENTS IN RESPECT TO TRAVEL OF CHAIRMAN'S PARTY, ROOSEVELT AND BURNETT WILL BE ARRIVING IN BEIRUT MONDAY, MARCH 1, AT 1030 HOURS FROM BAGHDAD VIA MEA 323 OR POSSIBLY PREVIOUS AFTERNOON FROM KUWAIT. THEY DEPART BEIRUT TUESDAY, MARCH 2, AT 1740 HOURS FOR AMMAN.

4. MATLON MAKING LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS. VISITORS ALERTED ON STANDARD PRECAUTIONS. SISCO

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